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Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - June 2023

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month.
6:30pm at St Johns Hall.
72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

(Diagonally opposite Anzac Park)

Last meeting : 13th June 2023. 6:30pm.

Next meeting : 11th July 2023. 6:30pm.

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Tamworth 4wd Club

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2021-2022 Committee

President	- Paul Ellison	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
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Secretary	- Jodie Thompson	e: secretary.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Treasurer	- Leanne Middleton	e: treasurer.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
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Equipment Officer	- Paul Ellison	
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Driver Awareness Officers	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Dave Maunder	
Trip Advisors	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Paul Ellison, Dave Maunder	

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

-It's membership renewal time. $60 per family for the year.
Please pay Leanne, or, I'm sure that she prefers for it to be paid via bank deposit / EFT. Bank details should be on page 19.

-Vic High Country trip is set for three weeks in April 2024. Tag along !

- Driver Awareness training was on the 13th May, and thanks to all of those that turned up. I am sure that everyone had some fun and enjoyed the pleasant day.

- We held the speed record for the quickest AGM ever.

Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting. 11th April 2023

Meeting opened: 6:34pm. 7 members present.
Apologies: Leanne, Jodie, Chrissy, Rick & Katrina, Adrian. Visitors: nil.

Business arising
nil

Correspondence in
-Port Macquarie Club query regarding Tamworth's Christmas in July.
-May Association Newsletter -Port Macquarie Club newsletter
-Ballina Club Newsletter -Coffs Harbour Club Newsletter

Correspondence Out
-May Clubs Newsletters to members, clubs and sponsors.
-May Association newsletter. to members.

Financials
-Not available at meeting time.
-Reminder that memberships are due. $60 per family for the year.
-Direct deposit to the clubs bank account is preferred.
-Bank account details are on the uniform ordering page - page 17 or so.

General business
-Membership renewal time again.
-Discussion on Christmas in July
-Advertisement to go out. RSVP date preferably by 10th July.
-Three course Saturday night dinner : $18.00 adult, $10 child.

Meeting Closed at 6:54pm

AGM 2023

Meeting opened: 6:54pm. 7 members present.
Apologies: Leanne, Jodie, Chrissy, Rick & Katrina, Adrian. Visitors: nil.
President Paul handed in his notice.
Col Middleton to step up and take the lead for an interim
All other positions are to stay the same.
Meeting closed at 6:55pm.

Quickest AGM ever. Yes, the AGM was officially an unofficial AGM.

President's Annual Report – (Paul Ellison, 2023)

Overall it has been a slow wto to three years for the club as you all know. But in saying that we are clawing our way back slowly, if the come-and-try day is any indication. An excellent turn out.
I think a lot more could be done in this are to promote the club. The more members that get behind days like this the better.
I would like to thank the rest of the committee for all they have done through out the year. Dave, Jodie, Leanne, Adrian and Graeme.

Special thanks to:
-Col for doing the lawn most of the time, if not all the time
-Dave Maunder for all that he has done. Newsletters etc and much more behind the scenes.
A big thankyou to everyone that helped out through the year.

Trips

Christmas in July
'Christmas in July'. To be on the weekend of the 28-30th July.
Working bee : 22/23 July. Bon fire to be built.

Sofala, Hill End loop trip – Col. Date to be set

Mt Kaputar – Col. Date to be set

Gloucester to Werrikimbe via back roads – Col. Date to be set.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

Coolah Tops trip – Dave. Main Forest road past falls to Breeza Lookout is closed once again (March). Maybe Oct long weekend?

Vic High Country - Col. April 2024.
See details over a few pages.

Poster that was quickly put together and plonked on to various FB pages.

Driver training day.

Photos of the day are very scarce!

What's the best thing about Switzerland?

I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey and … cola."

"Why the big pause?" asks the bartender. The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure; I was born with them."

How do you drown a hipster?

Throw him in the mainstream.

Victoria High Country April 2024 – General Plan

Day 1. 8th April. 320km.
Leaving Tamworth 8th April 2024.Meet in Dubbo (Bunnings) on Mitchell Highway.
Travelling to Cootamundra. 321 km. Find a camp site.

Day 2. 9th April. 269km.
Junee, Gundagai, Tarcutta, Holbrook and Yackandandah. Site seeing along the way.

Day 3. 10th April. 72km, 111km.
Yackandandah, Beechworth, Glenrowan (explore area). 72km
On to Mansfield via Whitfield. Find a camp for two days. 111km.

Day 4. 11th April. 62km.
Mansfield to Craig's Hut, overnight in swags. Rough track lo-range driving for part.

Day 5. 12th April. 0km.
Rest Day.

Day 6. 13th April. 281 km.
Mansfield to Omeo. Sight seeing along the way. Find a campsite. Base camp.

Day 7. 14th April.
Explore the area over following days, with rest day.
We then set a plan each night to see areas, such as Casillis, numerous huts, Blur Rag range, Dogs Grave, Falls Creek, overnight swag trip to Dargo. Bright, Mount Hotham, Mount Beauty.

Day 12. 19th April. 100km.
Head towards Tom Groggin. Possible three nights. Exploring Kosciusko National Park.

Day 15. 22nd April.
To be decided and worked out.

Day 18. 25th April. 1200 km.
Heading towards home on the 25th, to be home on the 27th April.
This itinery is not set in stone - there will be a meeting & BBQ at Col & Leanne's closer to the date and when it is known who will be attending the trip, to see what others would like to see and do during the trip.

Please notify Col and/or Leanne as soon as you can if you are coming on this Vic High Country trip. Ph: Col 0407 617 442 or Leanne 0408 605 343.

Max number of vehicles on trip : 8 vehicles.

National Parks booking scheme notes

- Clarify the need for the booking system to remain in place and its benefits to park operations.
- An offshore company is being paid the booking fee, are there cost recovery for the administration of the booking procedure?
- Remote campsites that are underutilised shouldn't require a booking procedure
- Unable to make group bookings, impacting clubs who are the ones you want in the parks.
- Compliance enforcement and confrontation and procedure policy
- Unable to make alterations due to circumstances outside of our control
- centrally booking office struggles with park location and the travel times required when parks close via a text message
- Volunteer today and pay tomorrow has little to no value, driving members away from the VIP system.

4WD NSW & ACT Inc solution.

- Registered incorporated clubs are not required to pay the booking fee
- Group booking by a club delegate, who can provide dates, numbers, and vehicle details if required
- Unofficial campground host, able to assist and report park issues or complaints
- One point of contact within the booking system.

Benefits

- Clubs operate under a code of conduct
- Clubs adhere to tread-lightly guidelines
- Nationally accredited training is part of our fabric
- Compliant roadworthy vehicles
- Reporting procedure in place
- Communication channels between clubs for sharing campground status
- Large mobile base Volunteer resource
- Large depth of knowledge and skills, including education and sustainability
- Actively enhancing the park experience for other patrons.
- Credibility with peers and industries
- Extremely large social media footprint allowing us to reach a target audience efficiently

Warning: Somewhat rude old joke.

A Bloke in Australia walks up to the bar with a big ostrich behind him, and as he sits, a small cat jumps up on the stool beside him.

The barman comes over, regarding the trio with some curiosity, and says, "What'll it be?"

The man says," I'll have a pint", and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?" "I'll have a pint as well" says the ostrich. Bloke looks at the cat, and says "I suppose you want a drink too." The cat replies, "I'll have a half, but I ain't fookin' payin'!"

So the barman pulls two and a half pints, and says "That'll be three-forty, please." The man reaches into his pocket, feels around, and, to the barman's surprise, pulls out exactly the three-forty in change.
A while later, the same thing happens, and the man pulls the exact amount out of the same pocket.

The next day, the man, the ostrich, and the cat return to the same bar.
"I'll have a pint.", says the man. "Same for me", says the ostrich, and the cat orders up a half..."But I ain't fookin' payin'!"

Repeat of yesterday.

The bloke pays each time with the exact amount from his pocket. This becomes almost a regular routine until, late one evening, the trio enter again.
"The same?" asks the barman.
"Well", says the man, "it's close to last call. I'll have a large scotch."
He turns to the ostrich inquiringly. The bird says, "I'll have a large scotch as well." The cat says, "I'll have a small scotch... but I ain't fookin' payin'!"
The barman rings up the drinks and turns, with a sly grin, "That'll be seven-twenty, please."
To his amazement, the man pulls the exact seven & twenty out of his pocket.

As the trio are finishing their drinks, the barman can't contain his curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir, but before you leave there's something I must know... how do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket...every time?"
"Well", says the man, "it's a long story. But basically, several years ago I took care of an old lady well into her nineties, and when she died, she left me her old house. Nothing special, but as I was cleaning out the attic, I found an old lamp, and when I rubbed it, this genie appeared and offered me two wishes."

"That's fantastic", says the barkeep, "What did you wish for?"
"Well, if I ever need to pay for anything, I just put my hand in my pocket and the right money will always be there."
"That's brilliant" says the barman, "most people would wish for a million pounds or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live."

"That's right, whether its a quart of milk or even a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there. The best thing I ever did!"

As he turns to go, the barman calls him back and says, "One last thing, sir... err, your friends there... we don't get many cats or ostriches drinkin' in 'ere...?"

The man looks glum.

"Yes, I know. That's probably the worst thing I ever did, but I'm stuck with 'em. You see, for my second wish from the genie, I asked for a chick with long legs and a tight pussy."

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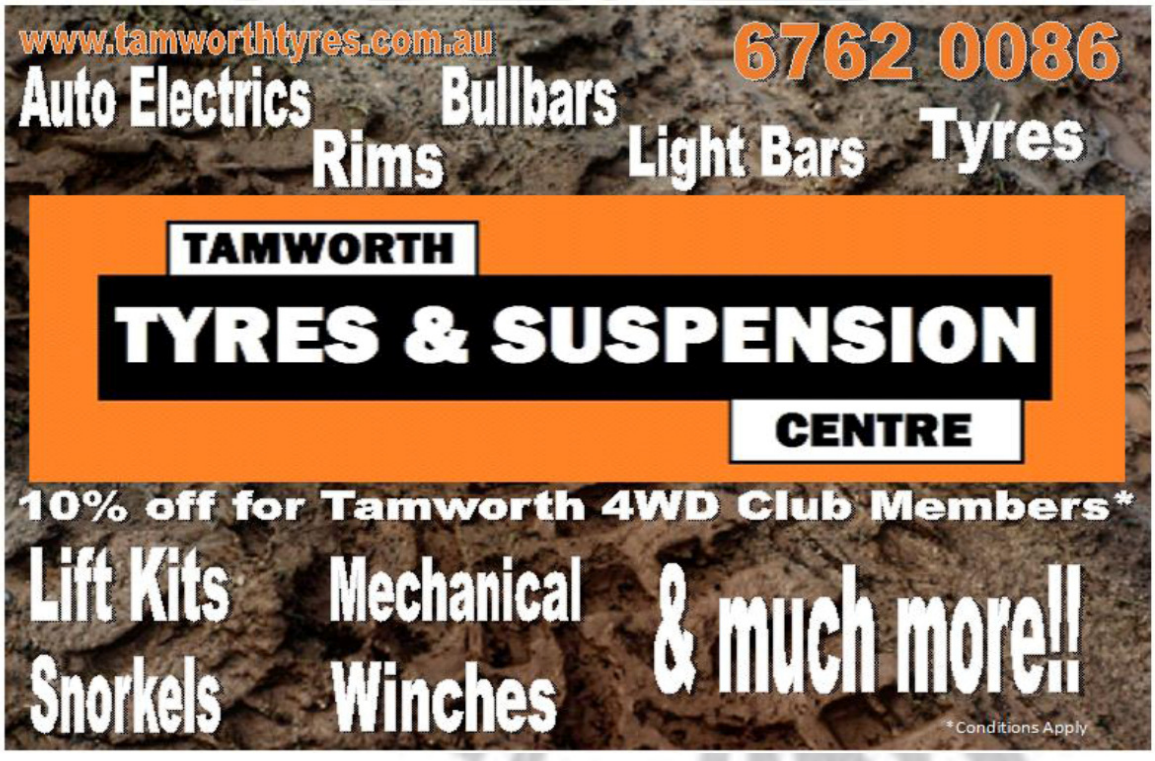

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HISTORY OF THE TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB

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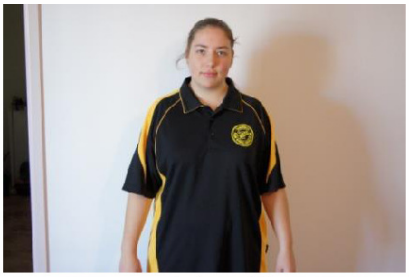
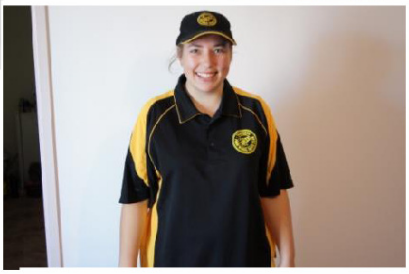
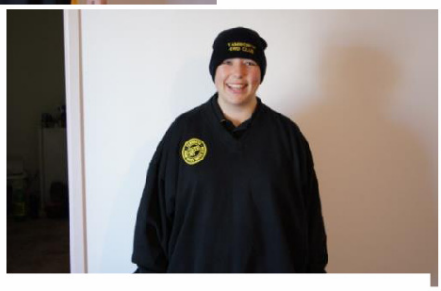
Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



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- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ……

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Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency: ……

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Signature of Member: …… Date: ……..

Signature of Partner: …… Date: ……

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

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